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### Core Values

**Integrity:** Be honest, hard-working, reliable and accountable to the public.

**Leadership:** Take initiative, lead by example, and be open to innovative ideas.

**Service:** Work unselfishly for our community and its citizens.

**Teamwork:** Respect others, welcome citizen involvement, and work together to achieve the best result.

Rep. Steve Lavin  
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Rep. Nancy Wilson  
Rep. Rob Cook  
Rep. Willis Curdy  
Rep. Clayton Fiscus  
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### RE: City of Bozeman's Support of HB 275

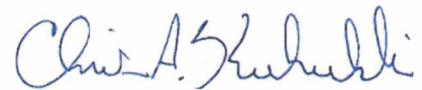
Dear Members of the House Transportation Committee:

The City of Bozeman supports House Bill No. 275 increasing the gasoline license tax to fund improvements to county roads, city streets and public transportation. The potential revenue generated from this tax connects to many of the City Commission's adopted plans, current priorities, and long-term infrastructure strategy. Without this resource, the burden of upkeep and improvement of transportation infrastructure is placed solely on business and residential property owners.

Much of the use and mileage placed on roads, in Bozeman in particular, is generated by non-property owners, such as college students, county residents and tourists. Statistics from last year show that over 1.3 million people stayed in a hotel in Bozeman at least one night, over 4 million drove through Bozeman, and Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport is currently the busiest in the state with more growth anticipated. Data also reveals that there are over 16,000 people employed in Bozeman who live outside of city limits. These statistics reveal the level of significant use of city roads by non-residents.

If approved, this legislation would be transformative to the way municipalities are able to plan, fund, and improve their transportation infrastructure systems. The City of Bozeman thanks Representative Wilson for addressing the funding of municipal road improvements and public transportation.

Respectfully,

  
Chris Kukulski  
City Manager

cc: Tim Burton, MLCT  
Local Legislative Delegation  
City Commission

